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say might be brushed aside on grounds of propriety or as something relating to the relationship between the Government of India and the Government of Ceylon. But, as I was making my journey last night, my fellow companion happened to be a high Government Officer from Ceylon. He told me that the Ceylon Government in a gazette notification had called for tenders to dismantle the whole thing at Mandapam Camp. If all the equipment, the facilities, the buildings, and the amenities are to be dismantled, it would almost amount to an act of vandalism. I was telling my fellow companon that it looked like the scorched policy which the Portuguese threatened to adopt in Goa. Particularly I am anxious that the entire camp should come to us. I know that it is valuable property particularly in the context of the Sethusamudram scheme that is envisaged. The property there may go up in value. Private enterprise and financiers are prepared to invest money and buy the property there at this juncture. So, I alert the Madras Government that the whole property should be bought as State property. There are plenty of buildings that can house many of our offices. Our electricity generating unit is there. It is a small unit. It might not add considerably to the grid of the Madras State Electricity Board. But, on this occasion I may be permitted to point out that the Mandapam Camp with all its appurtenances and buildings must in the near future become the property of the Madras Government.

Thank you, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

IV.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 73. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 207, Local Administration, dated 28th January 1962, relating to location of headquarters at Keerapalayam and change of name of 'Orathur' Panchayat Union as 'Keerapalayam'.*

* 74. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 534, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 9th March 1962, regarding amendment to the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958.*

* 75. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 186, Home, dated 11th January 1962, regarding cancellation of the Madras Hemp Drugs Licensing Rules, 1953, and the issue of Rules for the issue and transport of ganja and bhang stored in the State Forensic Science Laboratory, Madras.*

76. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 503, Revenue, dated 3rd February 1962, regarding reduction, with effect from the 1st April 1959 to two per cent the rate of tax payable under item 56 in the First Schedule to the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1959 (Madras Act 1 of 1959), in respect of sals of Ploythene and Alkathene films and packing materials made therefrom.*

77. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 556, Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Industries), dated 30th January 1962, regarding amendment to the Madras Small-Scale and Cottage Industries Loans and Subsidy Rules, 1956.*

78. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 305, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 7th February 1962, regarding delegation of certain powers to District Collectors in addition to Aditional Development Commissioner under the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958.*

79. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 1228, Industries, Labour and Co-operation, dated 27th February 1962, regarding amendment to the Madras Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1958.*

80. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 466, Revenue, dated 2nd February 1962, regarding exemption from the tax payable under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1959, of sales of milk made by any dealer to the State Government.*

* Laid on the table on 27th April 1962.

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